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On the Hill



Supplemental Appropriations Approved

On May 25, President Bush approved a "dire emergency" supplemental appropriations bill for fiscal year 1990 for various Federal programs. Included in this bill is an additional \$1.2 billion for the Food Stamp Program (FSP) and \$3.1 million for the Commodity Supplemental Food Program. The additional FSP appropriation is contingent upon receiving an official request from the Administration for the \$1.2 billion. The cost of the entire bill, which also includes aid to Panama and Nicaragua, is over \$4.3 billion.

-Story by Robert Beard
Governmental Affairs Staff

Bertini Addresses 1990 Food Safety Conference

Assistant Secretary Catherine Bertini answers questions about the food assistance programs in an interview with reporter Benita Zahn of WNYT-TV, Albany. Bertini was a featured speaker at the 1990 Food Safety Conference for New York State Newspaper, Radio and Television Journalists held at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York.

Addressing the topic of "Protecting America's Poor," Bertini discussed USDA's role in food safety and food assistance programs for low-income Americans. "A food supply that is both abundant and safe; efficient and

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Sharon Mackay Named Western Regional Office Administrator



Sharon Mackay was installed May 15 as the FNS Western Regional Administrator. Prior to her new appointment, Mackay served as regional administrator of the Department of Health and Human Services' (DHHS) Office of Human Development Services. She has been involved with many social service program issues, including Head Start, Child Welfare/Foster Care, and Developmental Disability Programs.

Mackay's public service career began in the Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services. She entered Federal service with the Department of Labor in Seattle in 1972. For the next 17 years, Mackay worked at DHHS in the Family Support Administration, Social Security Administration, and social and Rehabilitation Services at the national and regional levels, including Seattle, Atlanta, and San Francisco. At the national level, Mackay served as director of Management and Regional Operations in the Family Support Administration.

(Bertini Continued)



effective food assistance programs for Americans who need help; and vigilance to protect program benefits from abuse--these are components of a food policy that works for American farmers and for consumers at all income levels," she said.

-Story and photo by
NERO Public Affairs Staff

Asian Pacific Americans Recognized

This year's national Asian Pacific American Heritage Month celebrated the theme, "Commitment, Contribution, and Community." Keynote speaker Edmund (Ed) Moy, director of the Health Care Financing Administration at the Department of Health and Human Services, illustrated the theme with situations from his own life at a headquarters' observance during May.

Moy said that commitment is a thread that runs strong throughout the Asian community. Growing up amidst friends with divorced parents, Moy asked his own parents what makes their marriage so strong. "Their answer was simple. They said they'd made a commitment for life, and nothing would ever change that," Moy said. Moy said that he's lived by those standards, and adds

"This belief holds true for almost everything Asians do. It's an important part of our values."

Contribution and community are also important to Asians. "We must realize the importance of community involvement and just look out for one another," Moy said.

The audience had a chance to meet with the speaker at the reception that followed. A variety of foods were served, including an authentic Asian food buffet graciously donated by China Delight. Other food contributors included Copeland's, Peking Gourmet, and Dunkin' Donuts.



Posing for a quick shot before the program starts are (from left to right) Assistant Secretary Catherine Bertini; Edmund (Ed) Moy, director of the Health Care Financing Administration at the Department of Health and Human Services; Lisa Yue, Office of Governmental Affairs and Public Information; and Administrator Betty Jo Nelsen.

-Story by Lisa Yue
Office of Governmental Affairs
and Public Information
Photo by Charlie Okal
Financial Management

Asian Pacific
American Heritage

NACCD Conducts Fourth Annual Meeting



The National Advisory Council on Commodity Distribution recently held its fourth meeting in Washington, D.C.

The 16 members serving on the Council represent the various recipients and organizations involved with the food distribution programs. The Council meets twice a year and provides an annual report to the Secretary and appropriate congressional committees.

The first morning of the meeting was devoted to USDA briefings including a legislative update by Assistant Secretary Catherine Bertini; timeliness of school year 1990 purchases of Agricultural Marketing Service commodities by Kenneth Clayton, deputy administrator; an update on the Cash in Lieu of Commodities evaluation by Fran Zorn and John Endahl of the Office of Analysis and Evaluation; discussion of nutrition issues by Nutrition and

Technical Services Division; and a discussion of Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service issues by Ronald Wilson.

The remainder of the meeting was set aside for the Council to formulate recommendations for its second report to Congress. The recommendations will be officially released when the report to Congress is issued. The Council continues through 1992, but there will be some changes in membership before the next meeting.

Council members were presented with certificates of appreciation in a special ceremony in Assistant Secretary Bertini's office.

-Story by Beverly King
Food Distribution Division
Photo by Pamela Faith
Public Information Staff

(Mackay Continued)

Mackay is a graduate of California State University at Los Angeles, where she received a bachelor of science degree in sociology. She has also pursued postgraduate studies in Los Angeles.

-Story and photo by Kristen Bole
WRO Public Affairs Staff

Civil Rights Employees Honored

Nine FNS employees were recently among nationwide USDA staff receiving awards for their contributions to equal opportunity at the Third Annual USDA Civil Rights Award Ceremony. Awards were also presented to employees from various USDA agencies nationwide.



Pausing a moment are (from left to right) Civil Rights Division Director Larry Brantley, Ola Moore, Joseph Justice, Evelyn Stafford, Haynes Pressley, Miguel Valdivielso (receiving the award for Beverly Hayes), Associate Administrator George Braley, Brenda Bryant, Brenda Styles, and Betty Jo Nelsen.

"Departmental competition was unusually keen," said Lori Pletcher of the Office of Advocacy and Enterprise, as she opened the presentation.

All regional office Civil Rights Division directors received group awards for their outstanding work on the FNS civil rights complaint resolution project. As the result of

their contribution, program beneficiaries are receiving prompt service in response to their civil rights complaints. The directors are Beverly Watts (MWRO), Brenda Styles (MARO), Haynes Pressley (SERO), Beverly Hayes (NERO), Ola Moore (SWRO), and Evelyn Stafford (MPRO).

Brenda Bryant was recognized for her leadership in managing the FNS EEO counselor system. Under Bryant's guidance, FNS has had an excellent record in resolving employee EEO complaints during the informal stage.

Joseph Justice, officer in charge of the Richmond, Virginia, Field Office, received recognition as part of a group (Virginia Food and Agriculture Council) for its work with local limited-resource farmers.

A reception was held at Park Center, providing an opportunity for Administrator Betty Jo Nelsen to meet all award winners and to offer her appreciation along with letters of recognition.

-Story by Larry Brantley
Civil Rights Division
Photo by Levi Thompson
Public Information Staff

Communications Corner

The Public Information Staff is pleased to make available videotapes of current television coverage of FNS-related topics. From the month of May:

- 60 Minutes: Food Stamp Fraud
- The Insiders/Jack Anderson: Food Stamp Redemption
- Several news clips on food price inflation and the WIC program

Our collection of tapes also has coverage of all FNS presentations by Catherine Bertini and Betty Jo Nelsen. Our latest addition is the all-employee meeting of June 6.

Contact Pamela Faith at 756-3000 to reserve tapes and equipment.

Food Programs Participation Update

Following are preliminary estimates of participation in the Federal-State food assistance programs for the month of March with comparisons to the previous month and to the same month of last year.

	Mar. 1989	Feb. 1990	Mar. 1990	2/
<u>Food Stamp Program: 1/</u>				
People participating (mil.)	19.2	19.8	20.2	
Value of bonus coupons (\$ mil.)	1,004.1	1,168.6	1,195.5	
Average bonus per person	\$ 52.43	\$ 58.91	\$ 59.06	
Total program cost (\$ mil.)	1,106.8	1,282.7	1,309.6	
<u>National School Lunch Program:</u>				
Number of schools participating (thous.)	91.5	91.4	91.4	
Children participating (mil.)	24.1	24.4	24.1	
Children reached with free or reduced price lunches (mil.)	11.5	11.8	11.6	
Percentage of lunches served free	40.6	41.3	41.2	
Percentage of lunches served at reduced price	6.7	6.9	6.9	
Total program cost (\$ mil.)	377.6	392.6	416.2	
<u>School Breakfast Program:</u>				
Number of schools participating (thous.)	40.0	42.8	42.8	
Children participating (mil.)	3.9	4.1	4.1	
Percentage of breakfasts served free or at reduced price	86.8	86.5	86.1	
Total program cost (\$ mil.)	53.0	60.9	64.6	
<u>Child and Adult Care Food Program:</u>				
Number of meals served in centers (mil.)	43.3	41.6	45.6	
Number of meals served in homes (mil.)	37.3	37.4	40.8	
Percentage of all meals served free	78.8	79.2	79.2	
Total program cost (\$ mil.)	63.4	66.7	72.3	
<u>Special Supplemental Food Program (WIC):</u>				
People participating (mil.)	4.1	4.6	4.6	
Food cost (\$ mil.)	122.6	140.9	145.4	
Total program cost (\$ mil.)	154.5	179.7	184.5	
<u>Commodity Supplemental Food Program: 3/</u>				
People participating (thous.)	231.0	278.0	283.0	
Total program cost (\$ mil.)	4.5	5.5	6.1	
<u>Food Distribution to Indians and Needy Families:</u>				
Number of projects in operation	109	110	110	
People participating (thous.)	146.0	141.5	143.1	
Total program cost (\$ mil.)	5.0	5.1	4.9	
<u>Total USDA Food Donations (All Programs):</u>				
Entitlement Foods (\$ mil.)	115.3	77.4	114.0	
Bonus Foods (\$ mil.)	45.9	25.5	25.6	
Temporary Emergency Food Assistance (TEFAP) ..	26.5	16.3	20.1	

1/ Puerto Rico has been excluded from all months.

2/ Data collected as of May 23, 1990.

3/ Includes data for all elderly participants.

Friday Letter Vacancy Listing by Vacancy Number

JOB TITLE	AREA OF CONSID.	SERIES	GRADE	CLOSING DATE	VACANCY NUMBER	OFFICE LOCATION
o Supvry Food Prog Spec. (A)		GM-0120	13	06/26/90	90-30*	FDD
o Food Program Officer (A)		GM-0120	14	06/18/90	90-80	FDD
o Management Analyst (FNS-HQ)		GS-0343	12	06/05/90	90-81	IRMD
o Food Program Officer (A)		GM-0120	15	07/09/90	90-82	WRO
o Clerk Typist (LCA)		GS-0322	2/4	06/04/90	90-83	HNIS
o Program Analyst (A)		GS-0345	9/12	06/25/90	90-84	OAE
o Program Analyst (A)		GS-0345	9/13	06/25/90	90-85	OAE
o Secretary Typing (FNS-HQ)		GS-0318	6/7	06/18/90	90-86	OGAPI
o Home Economist (A)		GS-0493	9/12	07/09/90	90-H-87	HNIS
o Food Technologist (A)		GS-1382	9/12	07/09/90	90-H-87	HNIS
o Food Program Officer (A)		GS-0120	14	07/16/90	90-88	FDD
o Supvry. Home Econ. (HNIS)		GS-0493	14	07/02/90	90-H-89	HNIS
o Nutritionist (A)		GS-0630	7/9	07/09/90	90-90	NTSD

Office Location

HNIS - Human Nutrition Information Service
 FDD - Food Distribution Division
 NTSD - Nutrition and Technical Services Division
 QAE - Office of Analysis and Evaluation
 IRMD - Information Resource Management Division
 WRO - Western Regional Office
 OGAPI - Office of Governmental Affairs and Public Information
 * - Reannouncement

Area of Consideration

(A) - All Sources
 (FNS-HQ) - Food and Nutrition Service-Hdqrs.
 (HNIS) - Human Nutrition Information Service

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